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Hayden keeps cool
under Emmy pressure

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"And the winner is ..." These words would jangle the nerves of the most experienced actor or actress nominated for a coveted acting award.

On Wednesday, May 26, there will definitely be some nail-biting thespians attending the 20th Annual Daytime Emmy Awards, airing nationally on ABC. But there is one actress who has resolved to stay cool. She's Melissa Hayden, who plays Bridget Reardon on *Guiding Light*.

Hayden looks at things differently than most people. She is nominated for the Outstanding Younger Actress award and says she bet the makeup man a dollar she wouldn't win.

"The way I look at it, there are only two possibilities with this nomination, you win or you lose," says Hayden. "If you win, the only thing you are required to do is go up on stage, say thanks as graciously as possible and then get off. If you lose, you get to sit in your seat, and you don't have to worry about tripping on your dress or forgetting to thank your mom."

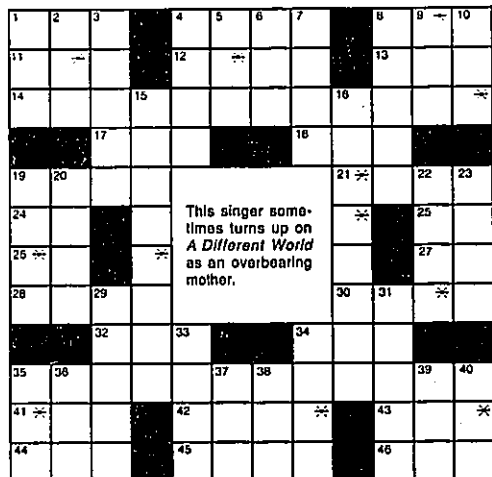
"I am excited about the whole thing, but you just can't take it all too seriously. I was talking to Beth Ehlers (Harley, GL); she and I are up for the same award. We both basically said the same thing to one another. 'Isn't it amazing that out of all the talented actresses in the world who are working or not, they picked us as two of the final five? What an honor.' There is no jealousy; if one of us wins, it will be great."

Viewers shouldn't be surprised to see the fun-loving Hayden turn up in full costume, much like those in *Dangerous Liaisons*, for the Emmys.

"My cast mates would laugh hysterically if I showed up in a costume and wig. The people I work with are so down-to-earth. We don't have any of those big diva attitudes on our set like they do on some of the other ones. We encourage each other to take risks."

Whatever Hayden wears to the Emmys won't really matter, because whether she stays in her seat and smiles graciously or forgets to thank her mother, she is a winner.

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The answer to the Crossword Quiz is found within the answers in the puzzle. To find the answer, unscramble the letters noted with asterisks within the puzzle.

ACROSS

1. Quantum Leap role
4. 2nd life drawer, perhaps
8. Family Feud host
11. ... tree; confused
12. Singer Fitzgerald
13. Before
14. Show hosted by Mike Hogedus (2)
17. ... code
18. Jed, to Ely May, & Charles, to Laura Ingalls
19. Sir Guinness
21. Sign of joy or sorrow
24. Actor, in the title of Eikenberry's series
25. ... Man of Her Own
26. 1932 Clark Gable film
28. Article
27. Initials for Kojak's portrayer
29. Actress Patricia
30. Actor's award
32. Waitress on Alice
34. # of sons for Cliff & Clair
35. Co-star of a series set in a hotel (2)
41. Peggy or Spike
42. Gretzky's score
43. Digit
44. De face
45. Poker term
46. 12th word in "Silent Night"

DOWN

1. Eat
2. Taxing time: abbr.
3. Corn
4. The ... '77 Nick Noto film
5. Rail systems
6. Reason to call in sick
7. Struggle to breathe
8. Delta
9. Band of sparks

10. Still
15. Role on Full House
16. Dabby's singing dad (2)
19. Hawkays Pierce's portrayer
20. Clark Kent's love
22. One opposed
23. Betty White role
29. ... Hours; 1985 film
31. Barney Rubble's wife
33. Gymnast Korbut
34. Eye flirtatiously
35. Shade provider
36. Red, Yellow or Black
37. Chaney or Chaney, Jr.
38. Have lunch
39. Additionally
40. Craving

